

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Production Group

SUBJECT : Staffing Proposals for USSR Division

REFERENCE : My memo, dtd 21 May 79; subj: UD/S&TB Study

1. I would hope that in its attempt to improve S&T intelligence collection, FBIS management will at least experiment with my recommendation (Option 4) that an S&T Division be created in FBIS. You have some excellent thoughts along this line. If, however, the decision is to implement Option 1 of my paper, I recommend the following timetable for the proposed reduction of three positions in the Science and Technology Branch of UD and the phasing out of responsibilities now handled by the incumbents:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(GS 59 Scientists & Scientific Organizations	1 Oct 79 (or sooner if necessary)	This position can be reprogrammed for higher priority S&T efforts. We have sustained the biographic activity on a limited, selective basis dispersed among others while the position has been vacant.
(DJ 94) Chemistry	Undetermined	The incumbent retires in 1982. Whether the position is given up at that time, or sooner, or not at all will have to be determined after a survey of consumer analysts-- e.g., is our perception of fewer requirements for chemistry correct? Until we know the extent of S&T requirements, I would not offer up this position.

(GS 56) Biomedicine Undetermined

Again, I feel this []
program can be handled by
[] but we need
confirmation or refuta-
tion of that belief. STIC,
via RES/NFAC, will have
to survey the consumer
offices before we make
the decision. The incum-
bent (Incumbency Alloca-
tion) will retire in 1981.

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2. Another significant factor to consider is that the proposed transfer of [] coverage to FTD will have to occur before the latter [] are given up. S&TB could not continue full press exploitation and language service functions with less than a T/O of [] (including the Branch Chief). Ideally--that is, if any reorganization of S&T collection activity in FBIS is designed to improve S&T collection--the identified surplus positions in S&TB should be allocated for S&T collection by the other divisions.

3. Just as it would be unwise to reprogram any Production Group efforts from other fields to enhance S&T collection without knowing the extent and priority of new S&T coverage required, so it would be unwise to drop any existing S&T coverage before determining whether our consumers will accept the reductions. Beyond the demonstrable conclusion that we can dispense with [] for the biographic information on Soviet scientists and scientific organizations, my recommendations are all based on assumptions and are contingent on authoritative advice from our consumers that will confirm or correct those assumptions.

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